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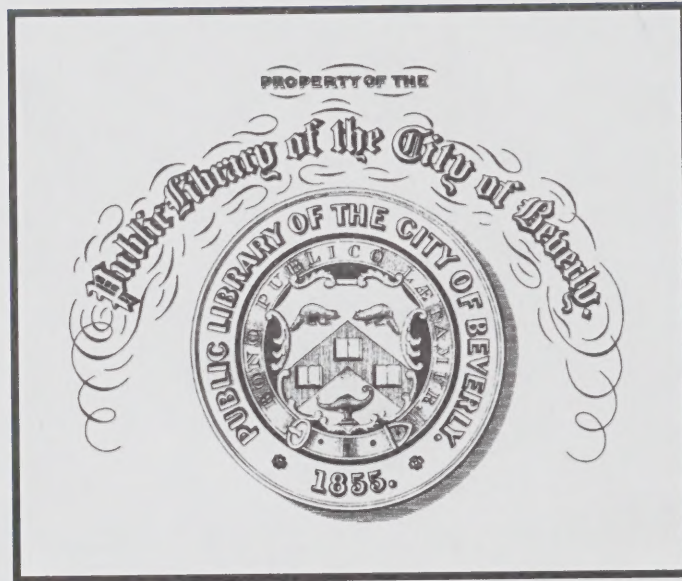
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BLOCK by DOROTHY NAUGLER



EDITORIALS

"Chick" Sale

WITH November came the death of a man who deserves commendation for his portrayal of real American humor—Chick Sale. Well known in both vaudeville and cinema worlds for his own peculiar brand of humor, his place will be hard to fill.

For thirty years Chick Sale has, at one time entertained audiences the world over with his dry, extraordinary humor and in the next instant brought them to tears with his homely philosophy of life. His greatest power, perhaps, lay in his power to remind his audiences of their youthful days *back home*.

We agree with Professor Rogers who said: "He deserves a niche, if only a modest one, in the long portrait gallery of the American stage that contains the statues and busts of the actors of earlier times who impersonated our homely American types."

PRISCILLA ROUNDY, *Editor-in-Chief*.

Dickens's Christmas Carol

FROM the pen of Charles Dickens, a foremost English writer, have flowed innumerable true-to-life characters. Well-known among these is the irascible, pinch-penny Scrooge; cheerful, hardworking Bob Cratchit; patient Tiny Tim, bearing his burden of pain without a murmur—, all these, side by side, spell that appealing human-interest story that has endeared itself to the readers of many generations.

The Christmas Carol, written in praise of unselfishness, brings at this time, a much needed message to a weary distressed world. From this masterpiece, may be learned the valuable lesson that only through kindness, mercy, charity, and forbearance, is it possible for all people and all nations to "keep the Christmas well."

As once again the Yuletide season approaches, may the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one!" be reflected in the hearts of every American.

CYNTHIA HALL, *Literary Editor*.

A Christmas Message

WITH Christmas and New Year approaching, I extend to the Briscoe students sincere words of encouragement and best wishes for a holiday season.

This season of joy and peace is a significant time for all of us to consider our accomplishments in a serious vein and to ask ourselves if we are contributing a full effort to our daily life and future good.

It is surprising how few of us work to capacity, little realizing that such thoughtlessness jeopardizes our fondest hopes for the future.

We can well copy the efforts of that famous author about whom much is written during the Christmas season—Charles Dickens, a genius, but in his youth an average boy who received his education from the "University of Hard Knocks" and who, by sheer grit and industry became the most popular author the world has ever known. "Up to the present time no writer of books has approached him in point of number of readers and of financial return."

From the study of Charles Dickens's life we can find the answer to our problem of how to succeed—hard work and persistent effort.

Thus, let us resolve this coming New Year to be industrious with the belief that some day our efforts will be rewarded.

JAMES A. CRONIN, *Principal*.

Welcome!

MANY new faces appeared among the faculty members in September. A cordial welcome is extended to them and it is hoped that they will like Briscoe as much as we do.

As a result of the reorganization, nine new members were added to the faculty, namely, Miss Cora Porter, Miss Lois Larcom, Miss Una Hazelton, Miss Marion Barker, Mr. Frank Rhuland, Miss Esther Bunk, Mrs. Dawn Parks, Mr. Freeman Garniss, and Mr. Ellsworth Richardson.

JANET WALLIS, *Assistant Editor*.



BLOCK by CATHERINE BOLLARD

Christmas Thoughts

TO every individual the word Christmas has a significance all its own. Several authors with which you are familiar, have given their interpretation of it. Can you find one which expresses your sentiment?

Mary Mapes Dodge, *Hans Brinker*

"Good Saint Nicholas! For the sake of the young Hollanders, I for one, am willing to acknowledge him, and defend his reality against all unbelievers."

O. Henry, *Rolling Stones*

"I'll tell you what kind of a mortal Christmas seems to be only the day before the twenty-sixth day of December. It's the chap in the big city earning sixteen dollars a week, with no friends, few acquaintances, who finds himself with only fifty cents in his pocket on Christmas Eve. He can't accept charity; he can't borrow; he knows no one who would invite him to dinner."

Dickens, *Pickwick Papers*

"Numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many families whose members have dispersed and scattered, far and wide, in the restless struggles of life are then re-united and meet once again in that happy state and companionship and mutual good will, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first joys of a future condition provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, does Christmas time awaken."

Kate Douglas Wiggin, *The Bird's Christmas Carol*

"And so the old years fraught with memories, die, one after another, and the new years, bright with hopes, are born to take their places; but Carol lives again in every chime of Christmas bells, that peal glad tidings, and in every Christmas Anthem sung by childish voices."

Dickens, *Christmas Carol*

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present, and the future. The spirit of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

EDITH RANTZ, BPF.

The Spirit of Christmas

ONCE again the Christmas season approaches, and may its peace steal softly over the whole world!

In these troublesome times, let the message that was sung by the angels on that first Christmas morning, bring peace to all. Let us give thanks for the Prince of Peace, who brought joy to the world, and may love and kindness toward our fellow men fill our hearts!

BETTY WISEMAN, LH.

As Others See Us

THIS article was published by CARLETON B. HOVEY of the *Beverly Evening Times* on November 14, and we believe it is worthy of space in our column.

... "The Briscoe Junior High school football team yesterday completed its season undefeated and unscored upon. That the team was undefeated and kept its goal line uncrossed is commendable and yet secondary; it is regrettable that the weather cycle forces such endeavors as the Briscoe team to be limited to a few months of the year.

Football is a sport and as such has two objectives. To the competitors in the amateur field, sports not only provide entertainment but encourage them to lead healthier lives and punch home the meaning of sportsmanship and co-operation. Non-competitors enjoy watching the games and are instilled with a spirit which leads to making them better citizens.

The Briscoe team has fulfilled these objectives. The fun those youths received out of playing the game did not exceed the enjoyment provided the spectators. To them it offered a relaxation, which all of us need at times.

Lets' hope the spirit of real American sportsmanship exemplified by the Briscoe team and its rooters will continue forever in our great Nation."



LITERARY

A Reminiscence

THIS is the story Great-aunt Rahamah told when we gathered before our crackling fire last Christmas Eve. She, who will not be with us again at Christmas time, has left a treasure of gentle reminiscences.

"Seventy-five years ago," said Great-aunt Rahamah, "I was a little girl. Ah me! The great and wonderful present demands so much attention! Those quiet peaceful days of my childhood seem like the faint traceries of a dream! How oft I heard the injunction, 'Mind your manners, daughter!' as I started off to school, dinner pail in hand. It meant, 'Drop a curtsy to all you meet, attend to your lessons, and come straight home!'"

"My first teacher must have been a good one. I had learned to read from the New Testament when I was five and a half years old. One day I came upon the word 'Beelzebub.' It had a sort of fascination to my childish ear. When I first looked into the eyes of my new baby sister, wishing to give her the sweetest name at my command, I whispered, 'Oh, you beautiful little 'Beelzebub!'" Those present were so astonished, the scene has become fixed in my memory.

"Our home was not lighted by electricity, but there was wondrous charm in the simple wood fires prepared by my brothers from logs hewn out of the hillside forests. By the light of the twinkling candle, we children busied ourselves with telling stories that had descended from generation to generation. When the bell from the belfry of the old church nearby told us it was time for bed, mother put aside her mending, father his book, and carefully attended to the fire. Coals were saved for morning, and the tinderbox examined, as there were no matches then with which to light a fire.

"Sunday was a day of gladness. When people talk about the hardships of the old Puritan Sabbath, I do not know what they mean. On Sabbath mornings all the families with whom I was ever acquainted, made their way to one or the other of the places of worship that were to be found in our little village at that time. Some were on foot, some in shays, and a few in four-

wheeled wagons. In very cold weather, the elderly ladies brought little foot-stoves with coals from the open fires, as a precaution against freezing their feet. Other parts of the body were supposed to be kept warm by the sermon! I loved the interior of this little church on the hillside. To the innocent eye of my childhood, its elaborately carved pulpit with crimson draperies and high, winding ascent seemed like the temple of Solomon magnified exceedingly! And with what awe I sometimes walked in its quiet churchyard! There lies your great grandfather Stephen, who put in the stone work for the bridge by the inn. Seven bridges went down in the freshet last spring, but Stephen's stood. Good, honest work always stands. Among the pioneers and patriarchs, are twenty-two bearing our family name. And I do hope, my dear that you, and your children, and your children's children, may prove worthy descendants of them!"

Here Great-aunt Rahamah paused and looked at me intently. Then she smiled.

"I guess you will," she finished. "You have the family nose and chin."

JEAN WHIPPLE, CPW.

Superstitious Luck

"RAH! Rah! Rah! Grenfield! Grenfield! Rah!" The students cheered. The crowds went wild. The ball was in a critical position on Lincoln's six yard line and Mr. Jones, Grenfield's coach, was sending Hal Graham, the star player, into the battle. It was the famous contest between Grenfield and Lincoln that was played year after year. Each had won five games and this game would determine the champions. The score, now in the fourth period was 0-0.

Hal Graham's sister, Ruth, was speaking to Sue Merrill, "I've got my fingers crossed and Hal's lucky rabbit's foot in my pocket. It's never failed us yet, and I hope it doesn't this time.

"Look, Ruth, they're measuring. I certainly hope we—. It's a first down. Hurrah!"

Breathless with suspense, the crowd was still. The green and gold colors of the team shone brightly from across the field.



"They're giving it to Hal to rush. No, it's a fake. They're forwarding. It's completed. Oh Ruth, a touchdown!"

"Rah, Hal! Rah, Graham! Rah, Rah, Hal Graham!"

The kick went off-side and a minute or two later the referee's whistle blew. The game was over. Grenfield had won 6-0.

Ruth, meeting Hal after the game, exclaimed, "I know it was the lucky rabbit's foot that helped us win. It's never failed us yet."

ALICE STANDLEY, *Literary Editor.*

And Saint Nick Came

"SAINT Nick' will be coming, so soon, so soon," sang Joan. She was about to begin the round again, when in came Tildy Anne, the "big one" of the house, when Tad, her father, was away.

"Well!" said Miss Matilda Anne Trenham, in a sharp voice, as she came through the doorway. "Well! Someone else is a'comin an' mebbe you won't like 'em so well!"

"You could always tell when Tildy Anne 'had a mad on,'" soliloquized Joan. She always drew her usually pleasant mouth into a sharp razor, 'that made cutting words, like the razor had made cuts on the face of Gibbs, Tildy Anne's young nephew, when he first began to shave. Tad always said Tildy sounded like "an old skin-flit," whatever that was. But then again, Tad said that 'underneath her skin,' Tildy really wasn't one. Joan wondered what you looked like under your skin. One day, she had asked Dr. Mat, Tad's college chum, and he had looked at her a moment, surprised, then he threw back his handsome head, and laughed, till he sort of looked like he was crying. When he had finally stopped, he said, "Well, well, kitten-pup, some day when Tad's away, and you're lonesome, I'll introduce you to Billy Bluebones. He'll tell you what you're like under your skin!"

Last time Mat had been over to see them, she had reminded him, but Tad had laughed, and looking hard at uncomprehending Dr. Mat, said, "Hon—bun, it's no use, Mat's got spring-fever!"

She had wondered what kind of a rash you had with spring-fever, or if you ran a high "temp" and had bad dreams, or good ones.—

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Tildy Anne's third loud "Hmp!" brought Joan back to earth.

"Who is? Who's coming?" she asked. "Is it Tad? Oh Tildy Anne! You know I love to have Tad come!" Two big tears brimmed out of the violet eyes, and rolled to a stop in the adorable dimple on her cheek. Then, smiling through their twins, she said, "When will he be here? For Christmas? Ooooh!"

Another "Hmp!" followed her ecstatic squeal. "Your daddy ain't all that's a'comin!" said Tildy Anne.

"Who else?"

Tildy Anne's chin quivered suspiciously. She brushed her hand hastily across her eyes. Her voice, when she spoke to the child was curiously gentle.

"He's a'bringin' you home a mom!" she said, and with a click of her jaws, she left the child alone.

A mom! But she had one mom! True, she was 'way in Heaven, but she loved Joan just the same! Tad said so, and he knew.

"Oh!" she choked as she blindly turned into her bedroom, and threw herself on the bed.— Second mothers were mean! There was the story of "Snowdrop" and the hateful old queen!

She never knew how long she lay there, raining tears into the pillow, but it must have been time for her bath, when she heard a step on the stair. She thought of hiding behind the curtains of her dainty dressing table, so Katherine couldn't make her take a bath! But it wasn't Katherine's face that bent over her.— A pair of wide gray eyes beamed into hers, and a soft white hand smoothed her tousled black curls. Dimly, she heard herself asking, "Are you my new mom?"

The bright eyes smiled their answer, and with a contented sigh, she said, "He'll be here in the morning— Saint Nick will."

CYNTHIA HALL, *Literary Editor.*

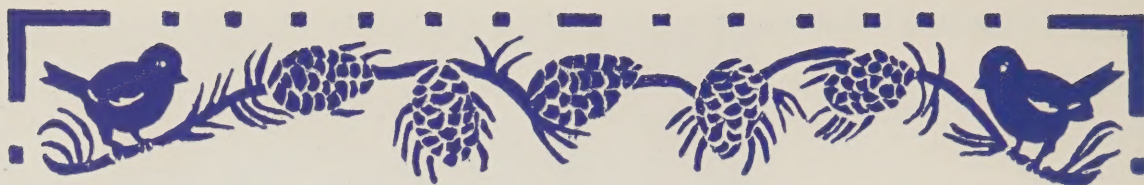
Brotherly Love

WHEN Dame Fortune gave out ears, she was more than generous to me, for I got double my portion. Fate also dealt a hand in this misfortune, for she gave me three older brothers and when these bombs are united you may be sure of



Block by EDGAR HALEY

CHARLES DICKENS



an explosion. All day long I hear remarks about my overgrown ears. A few of them are:

"Don't climb a tree; you might fly away."

"Don't run too fast! You might take off."

"Whenever you're on a raft, and ready to dive off, you look like a navy airplane ready to take off from a battleship."

"Don't shake your head; it creates a draft."

"Why are those cabbages on the side of your head?"

The latest remark occurred at my birthday party. I blew out all the candles in one breath, and one of my brothers laughingly said, "He didn't blow out the candles; he merely shook his head, and the draft blew them out."

You may think I should fight them back, but the best way to have them stop bothering me, is to ignore them.

HARRIS TOLL, *News Editor.*

The Yule Log

THE Yule Log, which was first used by the barbarians, was for light, warmth, and safety. They believed that these huge logs kept them safe from their enemies and the animals of the forest.

Centuries later, in the Scandinavian countries, this custom became very colorful. With a great deal of ceremony, the huge log was dragged from the woods to the middle of a large hall, where the fire was lighted with a piece of charred wood from last year's log. This piece of charred wood had provided safety against fire, and had to go out, hard luck would follow the New Year. The new Yule Log was full of promise, and repelled all ill feelings.

In England, the burning of the Yule Log on Christmas Eve was done with the same colorful ceremony. The log was selected weeks before Christmas, brought into the house and laid on the fireplace. While it was burning, there was a great deal of singing and story telling. The log must burn all night, because if it were allowed to go out, hard luck would follow the New Year.

The Yule Log ceremony is still an important part of the Christmas celebration in England, as well as in the Scandinavian countries.

ROBERT TANNEBRING, *LM.*

The Story Behind Your Christmas Tree

THE year 1821 was the birth of a curious and interesting industry — the ten million dollar business of supplying the citizens of the United States and foreign countries with Christmas trees. As the Yuletide Season rolls around nine million Americans decorate their houses with these evergreens.

Fifty per cent of these Christmas trees are fresh from the pine forests of Maine, the bulk being native to Washington County, near the New Brunswick border. Other sources of trees are Michigan, Minnesota, and Canada.

Shortly after the Fourth of July, agents scout the North Woods ready to purchase any well shaped fir growth that can be found. During October, cutting crews enter the forests to chop and saw down the purchased evergreens. A few weeks later the trees are transported to the nearest railroad station where they are tied in bundles. Packed on flat cars, 1,800 to 4,000 trees to a car, they are shipped all over the world. New York has the largest market, selling one-tenth of all the trees. The heights of these trees range from the one foot table trees to the forty to fifty-foot community monsters.

You may not realize that an army of choppers, miles of flat cars, and thousands of dollars in capital is required to meet the demand for Yuletide evergreens.

LYNDON MOORE, *LR.*

Dickens's Scrooge

"EBENEZER SCROOGE" stood out on the neglected grave stone with ghastly significance. And as the moon shone on the deserted churchyard, Scrooge mumbled, "No, it is not mine! It must not be!"

"Good Spirit!" he pleaded, "destroy my past, and let me live a new and better life." He touched the cold tomb stone, and raised his trembling hands in prayer. Thus, from the hard, frozen ground of the dismal tomb, arose a warm and happy feeling in the cold heart of Scrooge. And the bleak, lonely Christmas's of the past, became mere memories, for within him blossomed a warm, happy feeling, and a new spirit of a Merry Christmas.

ELEANOR WHEATON, *Literary Editor.*



Greeting Cards

Singly, at first, like early guests they come:
Then scurrying, flurrying in, to our delight;
Gay harbingers of Yuletide cheer are they —
The greeting cards which make each Christmas bright.

Upon the smooth fireside mantle, see, dear friends,
Wise Men and Heavenly choristers we house;
(Our roguish cousin, chary of angels, sends
A punchinello bearing hemlock boughs!)

Winsome black Scotties, coach, and wreathed door,
Jovial-faced Santa, damsels quaint or queer;
But, somehow, we are very glad indeed
The loved Madonnas annually appear.

When vivid flames curl upward merrily
Changing from palest gold to amber hue,
Here, think we, is the finest Yuletide peace —
Beside the fire flecked with rose and blue.

JEAN WHIPPLE, CPW.

Pete

When I'm coming home from school,
And walking up the street
A little puppy comes to me,
My own dog Pete.
He wags his little tail,
Pricks up his little ears
As if he hadn't seen me
For years and years and years.

MARGUERITE MAIN, CH.

Making a Snowman

If a snowman you wish to make
Follow these directions for his sake:
Make a snowball hard and round
And roll it evenly on the ground.
Then make another just the same
And give this creature a fine new name;
Then make his arms and ears,
And eyes, we hope that shed no tears,
Give him a mouth so he can smile,
Then he is yours for quite a while.

ELIZABETH CEMPELLIN, BPW.



BLOCK by HAROLD BLOSS



Christmas Eve

It was twilight in the village
And the snow was falling fast;
It lay in glistening piles and mounds
Like stormy breakers cast.

Lights shone from the windows
Reflecting on the snow;
Dazzling, gleaming colors; —
Orange, red and gold.

The church bells in the distance
Ringing forth with merry cheer,
Echoed and re-echoed o'er the land
Their tidings of good cheer.

Then in the little village
Everyone, rich and poor
Gave thanks to Him above —
Christmas Eve had come once more!

PRISCILLA WILKINS, CB.



BLOCK by SHIRLEY MURCH

The Christmas Carol

Yes, Marley was surely dead,
Few tears for him were shed;
He had died ten years ago;
And still his face did show
Upon the front door knocker
To Scrooge, a ghastly mocker —
And when the phantom vanished,
Scrooge's fears had not been banished.

Marley's ghost came in the night,
To warn old Scrooge to escape his plight
By honoring the Christmas Day
Then floated out, no more to say.
Next came the ghost of Christmas Past;
Scrooge's selfishness was gone at last,
And he repented, shedding tears,
Crying out to unheeding ears.

The ghost of Christmas Present came
Scrooge heard the little boy so lame
Cry softly, "God bless us every one!"
Then Scrooge's life had just begun.
The last of the spirits, without a sound,
Led Scrooge to a room where Death was found;
It had taken brave Little Tiny Tim,
Life no longer held pain for him.
Now Scrooge with the love of God was filled;
In the art of giving he became quite skilled,
With Christmas ghosts he was troubled no more,
And lived a happier life than ever before.

PRISCILLA PERKINS, Poetry Editor.

The Birth of Jesus

The three Wise Men beheld in the West
A star of brighter shade,
And hastening to the place of rest
Knelt as they were bade.

They offered to the Babe in arms,
Gold and fabrics rare;
Shepherds came from nearby farms
Their many gifts to bear.

It was the young Child Jesus,
Who in this stable was born;
A Child who was to save us
And bring a brighter morn.

BARBARA LUNT, CPS.



The Cratchits's Christmas Dinner

A big, fine goose
With dressing of onion and sage,
Made the Cratchits's Christmas
A happy one and gay.
A sauce-pan full of gravy,
Ready and hissing hot
Would be poured on the potatoes,
Which were mashed in a pot.
Martha set the table,
While Belinda made the sauce;
And after grace was said
There came a breathless pause.
Mrs. Cratchit, with a knife,
Carved the lucious meat.
Every plate was heaped high
All had plenty to eat.
Next, the steaming pudding,
Last, but by no means least,
Gay with sprigs of holly on the top
Ended this delicious feast.

SHIRLEY MURCH, *Poetry Editor.*

Foolish Questions

(With Apologies)

You've heard of foolish questions,
And you've often wondered why —
A person who could ask them,
Could expect a sane reply.

Did you ever see a band boy,
Who thoughtlessly, I suppose,
Persistently ask Miss Mullin,
"Do we have to wear our clothes?"

Then there is the teacher,
Whom we very often see,
Accuse the stupid boy,
And he'll reply, "Who me?"

I've seen the person,
Who will watch that clock of mine,
And after fifteen minutes exclaim,
"Oh, is that the time?"

And then there is the girl,
Whom my confidence is gaining,
For when she sees it storming out,
She'll surely say, "Is it raining?"

JANET WALLIS,
JUNE WARD.

Autumn

As I sat on the top of a lonely hill,
And looked into the valley below,
I saw a very wonderful sight, —
The trees were all aglow.
The sky was warmed with an orange tint,
The leaves were falling fast;
I heard the call of a lonely bird
And knew autumn had come at last.

BETTY WISEMAN, *LH.*

A Cold Winter Morning

The temperature was ten below,
No lower and no higher;
At four o'clock pa had to go
Down and start the fire!

When he came back he was so cold
He raved and raged and swore.
By listening it could be plainly told
That we were to sleep no more.

And then as he stepped out the door
Onto the icy walk,
We heard one loud almighty roar
And down he went ker sock!

THOMAS SCANLAN, *BPF.*

Glitter

Glitter of tinsel is everywhere, —
Sweet scent of pine in the air;
Gleaming softly, a silver star,
Symbol of Wisemen who came from afar
To worship on that Holy Day,
At the lowly place where the Christ Child lay.

No humble worship we might give,
Could make that spirit ere re-live,
As on that Sacred Day.
Down thro' the ages, chimes have rung,
God's wonderous works and praises sung;
He gave His Son, that we might live,
The greatest gift that He could give,
To a weary, waiting, world.

CYNTHIA HALL, *Literary Editor.*



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A New Policy

IN sympathy with the modern trend of education, Briscoe has inaugurated a different type of assembly program. Instead of the plan which we have followed in previous years of having each homeroom give an assembly and then having groups of teachers responsible for the monthly assemblies, we have decided to follow a plan which educators believe to be more valuable.

Martha Fleming gives this picture of an assembly: "The assembly is a common meeting ground; it is the family altar of the school to which each brings his offering — the fruit of his observations and studies, or the music, literature, and art that delight him; a place where all co-operate for the pleasure and well being of the whole; where all contribute to and share in the intellectual and spiritual life of the whole; where all bring their best and choicest experiences in the most attractive form at their command."

With this ideal as our goal we hope to develop our assembly program; with all of us bearing in mind the following guide posts, Briscoe's assembly program cannot help but aid in carrying out the aim of education; to help children to do better those desirable things that they are going to do anyway; and to reveal more worthwhile activities and to make them desirable and to a certain extent possible.

I. The main objective of the assembly is the education of the audience and *not the training of the performers.*

II. Assemblies should explore the various phases of school life, both curricular and extra-curricular, to provide new interests for the majority of the students. All assembly programs should grow out of classroom work and in turn should motivate and enrich it. In order to do this, the teacher should take an inventory of her subject material, select that which lends itself to presentation and work her class-room projects along this line.

Welcome

"HELLO EVERYBODY," was the theme of the premier assembly of the new school year

presented to Briscoe students on Friday, September 11, 1936. Both new and former students were greeted and welcomed to the joy of hard work, the gladness of companionship, and the happiness and success that comes with them. It is a new Briscoe, too. New standards, new curriculums, and new teachers are its bid to the students' happy education inside its protecting portals. The following pupils extended good wishes to the faculty and student body:

Caroline Hill, John MacMurtry, Richard Knight, Janet Wallis, Theodore Scheft, Priscilla Roundy, and Margaret Kilcoyne. After this Mr. Cronin introduced the faculty to the students. Mr. Garniss, our new music teacher, sang two selections, *Mother Cary's Chickens* and *Trade Winds*.

Miss Helen Anderson was responsible for the program.

Clubs

GEORGE WASHINGTON once said, "My first wish is to see the whole world at peace and the inhabitants of it as one band of brothers, striving to see which should contribute most to the happiness of mankind."

The social contacts made through our extra curricular work at Briscoe certainly strive toward this aim.

The assembly on September 25, 1936 brought to the student body a knowledge of the various activities offered here.

With Shirley Murch presiding, the following representatives from each club painted attractive pictures of the work carried on: John Burr, Eleanor Wheaton, Gerald Jank, Priscilla Roundy, John Davey, Robert Reardon, Virginia Tirrell, Janet Wallis, Dorothy Matthews, Virginia Nickerson, Barbara Irving, Irene Schade, Barbara Whelldon, Curtland Brown, Gordon Essler, Harold Boothroyd, Whitney Patch, and Richard Herndon.

Miss Helen Anderson was in charge of the program.



Football Assembly

"A GOOD citizen keeps physically fit." With these words football comes to mind.

The assembly program on October 2, was a pledge of our interest and co-operation, and a promise of loyal support to our team.

John Pretola, as master of ceremonies, introduced Frederick Keach, John MacMurtry, and George Coleman, who gave interesting reports on football.

The band pledged its support by playing the *Sir Gallahad March*.

Mr. Cronin presented Mr. Ellsworth Richardson, the new coach at Beverly High School, and our own coach, Mr. William Foley. Both spoke encouraging words to our boys.

A real friend of Briscoe boys and girls was then introduced, Mr. Thomas Lynch, of the Ivory System. As a token of appreciation of his services to our football team, Mr. Lynch was given a gold pencil.

8 L.R. furnished the vocal music.

Miss Helen Anderson, director of the activity schedule, was responsible for the program.

Fire Prevention Assembly

IN recognition of Fire Prevention Week the science department was responsible for the assembly on October 6.

Following the opening exercises a demonstration of spontaneous combustion was given by Carolin Hill and John MacMurtry. A playlet entitled *Extinguished* by Dorothy Naugler, Janet Wallis, Miriam Ayers, Thomas Stott, Roger Wiley, and Richard Southwick proved very instructive. The proper care of electrical appliances was demonstrated by Roland Frost and Arthur Harlow.

No fire prevention program would be complete without a message from the men who put out the fires. Mr. Eastwood of the Beverly Fire Department re-emphasized the importance of the elimination of fire hazards in and about the house.

Prayer of Thanksgiving was sung by divisions 8 LM and 8 LH. The orchestra played several numbers.

Miss Elizabeth Fleet and Mr. Frank Rhuland directed this work.

Columbus Day Assembly

"SO many characters in history have gloried in what they could take away—land, lives, property," that the assembly on October 9, 1936 was dedicated to Christopher Columbus, "a man who gave by sheer faith, a new continent and changed all history."

The chairman was Mildred Reynolds. After a Bible reading by Janet Emerson, Joanne Sims led the school in the flag salute. Dorothy Naugler, assisted by Harold Bloss, Edward Holmes, Raymond Morgan, Theodore Scheft, David Churchley, Lyndon Moore, Barbara Ginsberg, and Harris Toll, presented a dramatization from the life of Columbus.

George Taylor played a cornet solo, Kathleen Mavourneen. Divisions 9 CTG and 8 BPL sang, *Columbus Returns*.

Miss Edith McCurdy was in charge of this assembly.

Inauguration Assembly

IN an effort to show the new pupils what Briscoe means to the veteran students, a play entitled *The Spirit of Briscoe* was presented in the auditorium on October 16. Surely after the impressive ceremony which inducted our new Advisory Council into office, Briscoe students will be better citizens. Besides Mr. Cronin and the members of the Advisory Council the following students took part. Bertram Glovsky, Waldo Dodge, Richard Southwick, Robert Todd, Joseph Williams, Priscilla Roundy, Paul Kerans, David Churchley, Faith Kenny, Katherine Briody, Janet Wallis, Marion Roundy, Phyllis Howard, Priscilla Chapman, Dorothy Naugler, Ruth Arnold, Eileen Hutt, William Hayes, Frederick Gray, Edgar Haley, Warren Hopkins, Theodore Scheft, Guido Liporto, and Aldo Correlli. Edwin Ericson deserves special mention for his splendid trombone solo, *The Volunteer*.

This program was in charge of Miss Helen Anderson.

The following are the people who constitute the Advisory Council for the years 1936 and 1937:

Bertram Glovsky, Irene Frazier, Priscilla Chapman, Ralph Doble, Herbert Anderson, Frances Brooks, Richard Southwick, Mary Roberts, Lawrence McLean, Faith Kenney, June Ward, James



Vitale, Dorothy Naugler, Raymond Morgan of the eighth grade. Frank Snow, Irene Shade, Betty Wilson, Robert Todd, John Burr, Eleanor Austin, Raymond Overberg, Jean Pedrick, Priscilla Roundy, Frances McEnany, William Mabey, Paul Kerans, Pauline Mackenzie, Ruth Ducharme, Robert Dooling, Virginia Coletti, George Coleman, Philip Fowler, representing the ninth grade.

How the President Is Elected

*"Out from a land despoiled I come;
Oh, teach me thy great National plan, —
To live a true American,
I can, O Starry Flag, I can!"*

ANNA KULBERG delivered these words as a prelude to the assembly program on October 30.

The Civics department effectively dramatized the steps necessary to elect a president of the United States namely, (1) The National Party Convention, (2) The State Party Convention, (3) Campaign with registration of voters, (4) Balloting for Electors, (5) Voting by Electors at State Capitol, (6) Counting Votes at Washington.

Pupils participating were: Paul Kerans, Pauline McKenzie, Edward Hoy, Paul Kessaris, Whitney Patch, Ronald Cook, Roger Mercaldi, Gordon Searles, Charles Murphy, Frank Antonio, Harold Reilly, Paul D'Amour, Donald Broome, Austin Burchstead, Priscilla Wilkins, Rosamond Churchill, Louise Duggan, Richard Harrington, John Lang, John Driscoll, John Creech, Edward Freeman, Edwin Laurie, Susan Scollin, Elizabeth Beech, Dorothy Brewer, Sanford Berman, Nicholas Petronzio, Mary Lynch, Charlotte Lang, Irene McGee, Herbert Joslin, James McCormack, and Rita Beaulieu.

Miss Una Hazelton and Miss Marion Barker were responsible for this program,

Armistice Day Assembly

THE seeds of war are in human minds and hearts; enmity and selfish strife are the root causes of war. The seeds of peace are likewise in human minds and hearts. A good will and intelligent understanding are means to peace."

These words came from Reverend Kenneth Beckwith, chaplain of the American Legion Post, and pastor of the Dane Street Congregational Church, guest speaker at our Armistice Day assembly, on November 10.

Both the known and unknown heroes of our many wars were honored by Philip Fowler, Robert Reardon, Nicholas Petronzio, Fred McCarthy, William Talbot, Alice Standley, Margaret Killcoyne, and Ruth Arnold, who presented the many phases of war and peace.

The music was contributed by the orchestra and all the Business Practice and the SH divisions.

The program was under the direction of Miss Helen Anderson.

Football Banquet

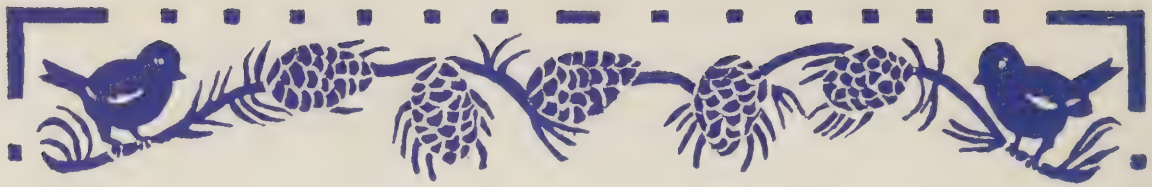
A TURKEY dinner was served to members of the football team, the band, the cheer leaders, and several guests in the Briscoe School Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 17, 1936. Mr. Cronin acted as master of ceremonies and introduced all the guests. At the table of honor were Superintendent Starr M. King, Russell P. Brown, and C. Archie Herrick both members of the Athletic Board of the school committee; Ellsworth Richardson, Beverly High grid coach and his assistant Fred Ellis; Coach William Foley and William E. MacKenzie, physical director in the grade schools; Frank H. Rhuland, Mr. Claude Phillips, Mr. Richard Roundy, Mr. Frank Faulkner, Mr. Harold Standley, Mr. Frederick Steele, Officer William Brown, and Miss Mullin who played some part at each game.

Mr. Rhuland, a camera enthusiast, displayed moving pictures which he had taken at the games. Mr. King contributed a film of Knute Rockne's Irish Eleven of Notre Dame. Several of the guests spoke about the good sportsmanship of the team throughout the season.

JOHN PRETOLA, Sports Editor.

Parents' Night Assembly

IN observance of American Education Week, Parents' Night at Briscoe was held on Wednesday evening, November 18. The conference



period introduced last year was again arranged. During this time the parents visited the teachers seeking to bring about a better understanding between the school and the home.

At nine p.m. an entertainment was provided for the guests as follows:

- I. Greetings to Parents
Philip Fowler
President of Advisory Council
- II. Briscoe School Band:
Here They Come
Hail Purdue
- III. Promotion Requirements Mr. Cronin
- IV. Glee Club Presentation:
Little David—Negro Spiritual
Night Song—Russian Folk Song
- V. Orchestra:
March—*Noble Spirit*
Golden Jubilee Overture
- VI. One-Act Play—"The First Dress Suit."
By Russell Medcraft
Time: The present.
Scene: The living room of the Hardings.
Characters (in order of their appearance):
Mrs. Harding.....Irene Schade
Teddy Harding (17 years young)
Paul Kerans
Betty Harding (his older sister),
Eleanor Wheaton
Johnny Drake (Betty's fiance),
Richard Knight



BLOCK by FAITH KENNEY

Rah! Beverly!

TO show Coach Richardson and the High School football team that we were anxious for them to succeed against Salem, — and that in victory or defeat we are good winners or losers, the assembly program on Wednesday morning, November 24, took the form of a football rally.

Mr. Richardson expressed his appreciation of the support given him by the Briscoe students.

Several of the High School football songs were sung by the student body, and cheers were led by Grace Baldwin, Evalyn Ward, Eleanor Austin, Betty Wilson, Barbara Irving, Gordon Essler, and George Coleman.

Raymond Overberg, representing the Briscoe School Football Team, presented Coach William Foley with a pen and pencil set as a token of appreciation of his guidance.

Music was furnished by the school orchestra.

The Staff's Assembly

A DRAMATIZATION of the production of our school magazine, the BRISCOE BRIEFS, was presented on December 11, to the student body. After seeing this dramatization the audience fully realized how the staff, who took the parts, merited the numerous prizes it has captured. The scenes were as follows: Meeting of Staff, Copy Readers at Work, Duties of Editor-in-Chief, Advertising, The Layout, Printing and Proof Reading.

Grade Nine Social

THE social activities program for Grade 9 began on Friday, December 11 with a party in the school auditorium. Bruce, the Magician fascinated the students with his clever performance and the movies and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Christmas Assembly

AS this issue goes to press Miss Helen Anderson is rehearsing a play entitled *The White Christmas* to be given on December 19.



CLASS NOTES

Clothing

OUR clothing class this year is different from previous years. We have eighty minutes a week and part of the time we study various things such as design, color and fabrics. The notebooks we keep contain records of the class lessons and we try to illustrate them. We study about the lines of the patterns and if they are suitable for our style. Some patterns have too many horizontal lines which cause the figure to look short and broad. If we are tall and slim, we choose patterns which have horizontal lines to make us look shorter. Before we buy our patterns, we discuss which ones will look best on us. When we are ready to buy our materials, we choose the color that looks best on us, and which resembles our eyes, hair and complexion. We use cotton fabrics to make these dresses because they are more suitable for school than silk or any expensive cloth. Although we have a short time to sew, we will try to make the best of what we have.

LUCY LIBERTI, CTG.

Art

THIS year above all, art has been most interesting. The first of the year the pupils tried axial balance. Some were very successfully developed from architecture, landscape, and historic costumes.

As a special topic some children drew two Roman soldiers with their swords crossed and in the background was seen the Parthenon.

In still life the children drew vases, bottles, and Japanese lanterns and created them into lovely designs. All these were done in pencil tone.

RITA BEAULIEU, CB.

Music

"Silent Night, Holy Night
All is calm, All is bright"

JOYOUS voices echo these strains all over the school on Monday and Friday mornings, by the divisions under the direction of Mr. Garniss, a new teacher at Briscoe. As Christmas is drawing near, we are preparing for it by singing Christmas carols. The carols we sing

were mostly originated in England and France.

Not only do we sing carols for Christmas, but we are progressing rapidly in our music theory. This theory includes how music was started, and many interesting facts about how people sang and acted on Christmas of long ago.

JULIA MAE JOHNSTON, CPS.

History

AN interesting part of LR's day is when we meet with Miss McCurdy in the history class. Would you have liked to have lived in the states after the Revolution? After we studied it, we decided that we would, although it was hard to say whether one would prefer to be a "well-to-do" southern planter, a rich northern merchant, a Salem ship-owner, or a New England farmer. Of course no one would choose to be a slave! But for those who preferred a more thrilling life, we traveled to the settlements beyond the mountains. Would you have liked to have crossed through a gap in the mountains, blazed trails, wood roads, followed the river valleys by flat boat and help push the frontier westward? What was life like in log cabin? LR can tell you how we enjoyed learning of the simple pleasures and hardships of our American pioneers whose motto was, "Move west when you can hear your neighbor's shot gun."

ETHEL ESSLER, LR.

Mechanical Drawing

AS mechanical drawing is a preparatory course in future mechanics, it has to be taught by an able teacher. Under the supervision of Miss Kendall the boys of 9-CTA are progressing in this art. Pushing forward from mechanical lettering and projection blocks we are now on the further steps. These blocks are arranged in different front, side, and top views of blocks. This study requires the functioning of the mind as well as the deftness of the hand, so that these prints can be completed accurately. Trudging along we know we have conquered the blizzard, and see in the distance our post.

WILFRED MALOOF, CTA.



Typewriting

LISTEN! Listen closely, people, for in the distance you can hear the click, click of a typewriter from Division 9-CM. It is about to tell you the adventures of this class in the land of business. As we enter our office (room 31) we are directed to a corner of the room where several members of the class are standing in an orderly line waiting their turn at the information booth (the file) where our materials are kept. After we receive our materials, we are assigned to our desks, where our ever faithful guide and leader, Mrs. Parks, gives us our directions and standards. We then set about to reach our goal, and by working industriously and earnestly we may get our reward which is awaiting us. One day out of each week is set aside as examination day when each member of the class takes an *Accuracy Test*.

If we have done our work faithfully, we have the satisfaction of being better equipped for our future in the business world.

LAURA CLARK, CM.

Business Practice

OUR new subject which we selected last June seems to interest most of 8-BPM. Our training has just begun but we hope to gain the knowledge and qualities of good business people before we leave. Miss Shatswell, our teacher, explains very interestingly how things should be done in big business offices where we some day hope to be employed. Our learning to take correct dictation has improved many of our careless mistakes in copying, and we have studied the qualities and different events of successful business people. Later when we take our positions in the business world, we'll look back on Briscoe and its teachers with great thanks for the beginning of our business career.

ADELE LAGASSE, BPW.

Science

THIS year at Briscoe we are fortunate in having a new science teacher, Mr. Rhuland from the High School.

Among the many interesting topics we have studied about is *dry ice* which is really *solidified carbon dioxide* made by compressing the gas and cooling it to a temperature of about 110 degrees below zero Farenheit. The reason it is called

dry ice is due to the fact that when it melts it immediately changes from a liquid to an invisible gas disappearing into the air. The fumes seen near it are water vapor condensed out of the air by the extreme coldness of this ice. It can freeze liquids in a very short time. When touched by human flesh it feels like a burn. An interesting experiment is to freeze mercury at -40° below zero with *dry ice*.

ARTHUR MOUTSOPOULOS, CD.

Auto Mechanics

I hope the boys of this class are not afraid of getting their hands dirty" were Mr. Waite's first words to the class of CTB.

After being assigned to their job, the boys went to work like a thunder bolt. They worked until the middle of the quarter but only four boys had taken apart and put together their machines. After completing a task they wrote what they had done to the car in their notebooks which were also marked on cleanliness.

The members of this class have learned more about automobiles than they ever would have learned in a garage.

JOHN CHECCHI, CTB.

Mathematics

DIVISION 8-SB is a group of shop boys who are taking this course because we are interested in wood work, electrical work, and printing which the course offers.

We were given a thorough testing for ten weeks and found many things that slipped by us or were forgotten. For instance, many of us had combinations that were forever bothering us like $9+6=?$ $8+5=?$ $9+7=?$ $9+6=?$ etc. We found that these things had to be learned by us thoroughly in order to do an exact piece of work in any mathematical problem in which they were found. Little misunderstandings in fractions and in divisions were found. We have fully decided it is best to have a thorough understanding of our fundamentals.

With this in view we have all been working on our own special problems until now at the end of one quarter we notice how smoothly things are going on when we know where we are going and how to get there. Our aim is not "a passing mark" but a perfect score if possible.

EDWARD DURRELL, SB.



English

THIS year the eighth grade pupils who have Miss Whorff have a change when they go to her class. Instead of having Miss Whorff take charge of the class all the morning, we have a president and a secretary pro-tem. Every day we have a different person acting as president and secretary. This gives us self confidence, and helps us in public speaking. The meeting starts with the president calling the meeting to order and asking for the secretary's report. After the report has been read and accepted, the president brings the business before the meeting. After the class discussion the meeting is turned over to Miss Whorff for the rest of the morning.

RALPH DOBLE, BPF.

Penmanship

IN penmanship during the first week of school we are given a work assignment for the whole school year. These work charts consist of a series of forty lessons which we do according to our ability. At the end of one-half of the period which has been spent in practicing, we begin the good paper which will be accepted or rejected by Miss Coleman. If it is rejected, we know it is for our own good, so we do it over until it is correct, and then it is sent to Miss Adams to be marked. We proceed in the work according to our individual ability, each working for quality and not quantity.

ELOISE MARTELL, BPL.

English

CPW enjoyed a different kind of observance of Christmas. We had a play entitled "Christmas in the Air," by Marie Irish. The cast consisted of Anna Kulberg, Meryll Frost, Pauline McKenzie, Edward Hoy, Richard Webber, Francis Hosman, Robert Dooling, Guy Fossiano, Irene Schade, Jean Pedrick, and Virginia Tirrell. Eleanor Austin took charge of the program and made a good mistress of ceremonies. This venture proved very successful and entertaining, besides being suitable for an English class. Miss Bunk, who supervised our proceedings, entered into the spirit of the play and proved invaluable. Those who did not take an active part furnished properties and made an appreciative audience.

VIRGINIA TIRRELL, CPW.

Geography

GEOGRAPHY! What fun it is to study about the Chinese and the Japanese. The Chinese have very peculiar customs and characteristics. As a result of their religious beliefs and ignorance they are very superstitious. They believe if they don't give food to the Kitchen God, it will displease him. The Chinese are very backward in progress while the Japanese are a progressive nation. Japan today is one of has been especially true of homonyms, or words Her markets are the United States, China, and India.

DORIS CONDON, BPW.

Introductory Language

HOW dull and dry the words Introductory Language sound to the ears of many, but Miss Shatswell makes this subject an interesting one.

First we learned to say good-bye in four different languages, Latin, French, Spanish and German. Then we read the fascinating myths about ancient gods and goddesses.

Each Friday we brought in things connected with this course. One week we found names of things with which we were familiar such as Lux which in Latin means "light." The name of matches we used in cooking class was Vulcan, God of fire.

This is a new subject to the pupils of 8-LM and we feel it will be of great help to us.

RUTH ARNOLD, LM.

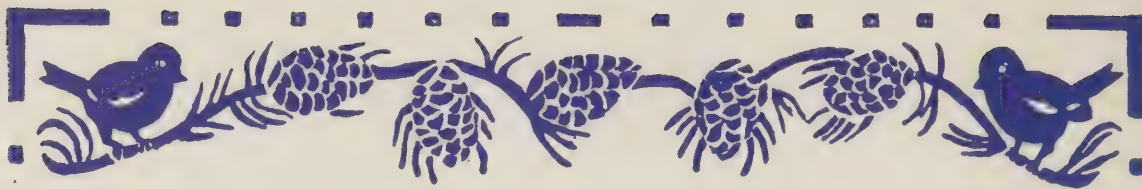
Civics

FOR the past few weeks Miss Hazelton has devoted much time in teaching us the steps in electing a president.

During the campaign the pupils brought in pictures and pamphlets of the various candidates. We found this study very interesting as well as educational.

How excited we were on November third to find the results of the election!

DONALD BROOME, CH.



English

THIS year in English Miss Coleman has recalled to our minds our review work by means of having us match topics, fill in blanks, and answer questions. In spelling we write sentences to show that we know how to spell the words correctly and are careful about punctuation. This has been especially true of homonyms, or words having the same sound but different meanings. I'm sure we'll find English a most interesting subject this year.

ANTONETT INNOCENTI, SH.

Ancient History

DIVISION 9-CPL has been studying about the early civilization in the Near East. The pupils have enjoyed comparing the early lives, homes, and religion of these people with those of to-day.

We have traveled through Egypt, where we stopped to study about the pyramids, tombs, and writing of this early country, and through Phoenicia, the home of our alphabet. The Phoenicians wrote from right to left. Later the Greeks changed it and wrote from left to right. This alphabet had twenty-four letters, all consonants.

Our travels through Mesopotamia, Syria, Palestine, and other Near Eastern countries have proved to be an enjoyable and profitable study.

MADLYN MITCHELL, CPL.

Science

"Then we gather as we travel
Bits of moss and dirty gravel,
And we chip off little specimens of stone;
And we carry home as prizes
Funny bugs of handy sizes
Just to give the day a scientific tone."

If you see any pupils picking up rocks and breaking them apart, they are not playing, "Knock! Knock!" but the class of 8-LH are studying a new unit in science.

We have learned that rocks are divided into three main classes: (1) sedimentary rocks laid down by water, (2) igneous rocks made by fire when the earth was forming, (3) metamorphic

rocks which have been changed by great pressure and heat.

Some of the common rocks and minerals which we are learning to identify are: sandstone, limestone, shale, slate, granite, feldspar, mica, and quartz.

We are anxiously waiting for the day when Miss Fleet will demonstrate to us our first experiment.

CONSTANCE DODGE, LH.

Woodcraft

MANY enjoyable weeks have been spent by 8 SA in woodcraft under the direction of Mr. Dutelle. Four periods a week are spent at this work and the boys try to make every minute count. Lathe work is quite popular, and the boys sometimes turn out queer models.

Joint-making has taught us the proper way to make chairs, tables, desks, etc.

Soon the work will change to the making of Christmas gifts. Some of the better workers have a head start on the others, and have already made things. Won't Mother be surprised on Christmas morning to find a rolling pin or some other useful household gift?

WALTER THOMAS, SA.

Latin

LATIN, the language of the Romans, is a new subject to the ninth graders of Briscoe. One of the objects of our study of Latin is to learn more about the history and people of Ancient Rome.

Latin gets its name from Latium, a small district south of the Tiber. Of the 20,000 words which you meet in your English reading about one-half of there are of Latin origin.

Here are some examples of how our English words change to Latin:—

English Word	Latin Word	Meaning of Latin Word
annual	annus	year
agriculture	agricola	farmer

ELIZABETH CHALONER, CPM.



In Mr. Wardle's Kitchen

THE Pickwick Club announced that it would receive new members at a gala Christmas Party to be held in Mr. Wardle's Kitchen. BRISCOE BRIEFS, an old member, invited his many exchange friends hoping that they might become members also.

To be eligible for membership in this well-known club, each magazine must have contributed one outstanding feature to the school publication world during the year. Mr. Pickwick would judge all the entries.

"Ah-ha, a splendid magazine, indeed," began Mr. Pickwick as he picked up the *Shulton* from S. E. Shull Junior High School, Easton, Pennsylvania. "Your radio illustrations among the class pictures are unique. 'Alumni' is well done. We missed Exchanges.

"Ho, ho, ho, who's afraid of the big, bad Wolf from Wolf Junior High School, Easton, Pennsylvania? You're always among the first to arrive. A splendid graduation number. The Book Shelf was cleverly handled. The panel cuts were clear. The stories in the Election number were interesting.

"Say, I'll nickname you 'Window Shade' for short," added Mr. Pickwick as he picked up the *Curtin Junior Citizen* from Curtin Junior High School, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. "I like your Koo Koos column. The Table of Contents page is attractive.

"I've seen you before — yes, I'm sure I used you on my turkey, Thanksgiving Day," commented Mr. Pickwick while glancing through the *Salt Shaker* from Saltonstall School, Salem, Massachusetts. School Activities leads me to believe that you will make a wide-awake member of our club. 'A Few Men Who Have Lived to Serve' deserves commendation.

"What an unusually fine literary section," continued Mr. Pickwick as he glanced through the pages of the *Broadcast* from Waterville Junior High School, Waterville, Maine. "Your editorials are very well written. This is the first time I have seen you. The Gossip columns are newsy.

"What splendid cuts you have," commented Mr. Pickwick as he turned the pages of the *March* from March Junior High School, College Hill, Easton, Pennsylvania. The *March Album* is one of the finest magazines on the list. The cuts showed originality. Nursery Nonsense was amusing as well as interesting.

"The *Aegis* from Beverly High School, Beverly, Massachusetts shows great improvement. Senior and Junior notes are interesting.

"The *Jefferson Journal* is from Jefferson School, Meriden, Connecticut. I am interested in the finger-paintings. Yours is the first among our exchanges to use it. The dedication page is very well done. A well-arranged magazine throughout. Where are the Exchanges?

"If it isn't my old friend, *Shurtleff Shavings* from Shurtleff School, Chelsea, Massachusetts. The 'Keyhole Kracks' shows that some one has had his ear where it belonged. Naturally I am interested in 'A Century of Pickwick.' Very good work. The book reports are well done.

"Another old friend of mine, the *Echo*, from Leominster Junior High School, Leominster, Massachusetts. You have a fine literary section. The titles are interesting and different. 'Statistics' is well arranged and must be a popular column.

"You are welcome, *Broadcast* from Nashua Junior High, Nashua, New Hampshire. Your 'Short, Short Editorial' was different. I must congratulate you on stories.

"I got it, I got it," laughed Mr. Pickwick. 'Get A Laugh' in the *Virginia Junior Life* all the way from the Virginia Junior High School, Virginia, Minnesota, is funny. I suggest that you use the blank pages. 'Around the School' proves some one is on the job.

"BRISCOE BRIEFS, I declare your friends all members of the jolly old Pickwick Club. But come, come, let us join the others. I'm sure there's something in the dining room to interest all."



Introducing —

The Harrington Brothers

THE crowds were assembling in the stands. The reporters were tense in their box awaiting the appearance of the team. The last game of the season was about to start. Imagine my surprise to see Santa Claus stroll calmly toward our box! Rumors had reached him regarding Briscoe's Brave Eleven and he had come to verify them. How else would he know whether to put an apple or an orange in the stockings of our football heroes?

The game started and after a few minutes I could not resist asking our popular guest what he thought of "our boys." His reply, "The finest I have seen," thrilled me more than the 20-yard run by Al Montoni. I neglected the game to watch Santa's reaction.

After a few moments I saw his gaze fastened upon our two end players, and I could see he was deeply impressed.

"What a peppy pair of ends out there! Who are they?" he questioned.

"Frankie and Jackie Harrington," I replied. "We are pretty proud of those youngsters."

"Aha!" I thought they appeared familiar. They must be brothers of Arthur and Albert who made a record at the High School."

"The very same." Did you ever see them play?"

"In 1922 Art played right end on the Beverly Varsity Eleven and he was elected captain by his team-mates. During this year he led his team through an undefeated season. Beverly defeated their bitter rivals, Salem, under his leadership.

"Al was not as big and heavy as his brother Art but he had 'what it takes' to make a good football player. He held the quarter-back position on the first string and was chosen captain by his fellow team-mates in 1932. These boys come from a line of football players and I judge, are up-holding the traditions of the family in a commendable manner. I'll see that these fellows find a football in the toe of their stockings," and with that he strolled away.

In closing may I add that the Harrington brothers have caught the *Spirit of Briscoe* and have served her well. Always, they can be depended upon to guard their end zone well and

force all plays into the center of the line. They will make good material for the Beverly High squad and "our loss will be their gain."

JOHN PRETOLA, *Sports Editor.*

Clubs

A PEEP into the various classrooms on a Tuesday morning revealed the following information about the clubs then in progress:

Nature Study: A very interested group of pupils obviously fascinated with their astronomical observation.

Debating Club: A lively group! Suggestion after suggestion was offered for a subject to debate in an assembly soon.

Art Club: A general hubbub resulting from pupils working on mechanical drawings, pen and pencil, still life, and fashion sketches.

Stagecraft Club: Fascinated myself with the imitation stage! Later regular scenery for the stage in our auditorium will be patterned from it.

Woodcraft Club: Making interesting and useful end tables.

Band: Hard workers! Only the BRISCOE BRIEFS staff beats them out in time and effort!!! But the musicians make more noise about it.

Stamp Club: With what zest this animated group explored the value of stamps! Imagine finding one worth \$5,000. I hope they find many more.

Math. Club: Possibly our future economists! The care of a nation would rest more lightly on their shoulders than the solution of the mathematical puzzles over which they toiled!

Dramatic Club: "His Best Seller" was the name of the play! Real Robert Taylors and Joan Crawfords in the cast. How I hated to leave this entertaining group!

Glee Club: Possibly a Lily Pons or Lawrence Tibbetts among them? Mr. Garniss was breaking them in with familiar songs.

Home Economics: My first impression—Learn to be useful. Divided into two groups, the girls are progressing in the art of sewing and cooking.

Latin Club: Foreign lands. The children seemed to enjoy the plays, poems, and stories in Latin, but it was all Greek to me.



SPORTS

Briscoe 12 - Hamilton 0

BRISCOE'S 1936 football team started where last year's team left off by beating Hamilton High School Second Team 12-0. The rushing of Frost and Paglia and the tackling of Overberg, Holden, and Malloy kept our boys on top throughout the game.

The feature play of the day happened in the second quarter when Briscoe was leading 6-0. With the ball on Hamilton's 15-yard line Montoni faded back and threw a long pass to DiCicco. With two men covering him, DiCicco leaped high into the air to take the pass for Briscoe's second and final touchdown.

Playing their first game of the season our boys showed up very well with each doing his share of blocking, tackling, and rushing. The same may be said for the Hamilton team.

EDWARD HOY, *Sports Editor*.

Briscoe 24 - Northeastern 0

OUR prediction was true because Briscoe again came out on top by defeating Northeastern Junior High School of Somerville 24-0. Playing in a heavy mist and on a wet field, our boys seemed to click better than under more favorable conditions.

Of many spectacular plays, the interception of a pass by Paglia was the most outstanding. With barely a minute to play and the ball in possession of Northeastern, Paglia intercepted a pass on the opponents forty-yard line and ran this distance untouched for Briscoe's fourth touchdown.

Behind the great defensive work of the line and the offensive work of the backfield, Northeastern never threatened Briscoe's last white line.

EDWARD HOY, *Sports Editor*.

Briscoe 20 - Gloucester 0

BRISCOE'S football team continued its winning streak by defeating Gloucester High School Freshmen 20-0 at Gloucester.

The team was in the best of condition and every boy that played deserves credit.

At this time we must mention the brilliant playing of Frank Harrington. The small end who weighs only 115 pounds continually broke up the Gloucester interference to nail man after man for a loss. On one of these plays he broke through to tackle an opposing back behind his goal line, which accounted for two of Briscoe's twenty points.

It was the first time Briscoe has played a game out of town, but this made no difference to our boys who held Gloucester in check throughout the game.

Although their work failed to materialize into touchdowns, the blocking, tackling and rushing of Souza, Nelson, DeCosta, Guitta, and Doucette seemed most outstanding for the Gloucester team.

EDWARD HOY, *Sports Editor*.

Briscoe 18 - Brookline 0

PLAYING their second game in three days, Briscoe defeated a fighting Brookline High School Freshman team 18-0.

The great work of Overberg in the line was outstanding for Briscoe. Breaking through the opponents line to nail the opposing backs for many a loss, he also blocked the majority of the kicks.

In the closing minutes of play Co-Captain Paglia badly wrenched his knee. This means that Briscoe must do without the services of its star fullback for the remainder of the season.

The tackling of Overberg, Holden, and the Harrington brothers in particular held their opponents running attacks. Through the ball-carrying of Frost and DiGuistino, Briscoe made many good runs. The playing of McCarthy, an opposing back, must be recognized. He made most of the yardage that his team made, and played an exceptionally good defensive game.

EDWARD HOY, *Sports Editor*.

Briscoe 19 - Rindge Tech 0

FOR the first time this season Briscoe went up against a team that out-weighed them, but our boys again won from a fighting Rindge Tech Freshman team of Cambridge.



Briscoe's first touchdown came in the first quarter when John DiGuistino ran 35 yards to the opponents 10-yard line.

The feature play of the game came in the fourth quarter when Overberg broke through to block a Rindge Tech punt. Scooping up the ball on the opponents 30-yard line Paglia, Briscoe's star fullback, crossed the goal line untouched.

EDWARD HOY, *Sports Editor*.

Briscoe 19 - Western 0

BRISCOE easily defeated the Western Junior High School boys of Somerville on Friday, November 6.

In my opinion Montoni, our shifty little quarterback, made the outstanding play of the day, by covering 70 yards for a touchdown. Frost and DiCicco also did their bit in swelling the score on their opponents by making one touchdown.

It was a great exhibition of football and each boy well deserves praise for his strenuous and fair playing.

FRANCES MCENANY, *Sports Editor*.

Briscoe Defeats Southern

NATURALLY opinions differ, but I think that Briscoe and Southern Somerville was the best game of the season. This being the last game of our season we were blessed with favorable weather conditions and both teams were ready for battle. Southern was very stubborn and our Briscoe backs could not penetrate through their tough line. Our first touchdown came when Montoni sneaked his way to the three yard stripe from where Tommy Lotito plunged across the line.

There was a lot of good football playing witnessed by the enthusiastic fans. The running of Al Montoni when he took the ball on spinners will long be remembered, as will the amazing tackling of the two Harrington brothers and Captain Ray Overberg.

Though Boyages running and tackling gave Briscoe much trouble, and Larson, Yuki, and Riley blocked up many plays headed for the centre of the line, the visitors were unable to score, and thus ended another gridiron campaign.

JOHN PRETOLA, *Sports Editor*.

WILLIAM J. FOLEY

COACH "Bus" Foley, a very modest young man, came to Briscoe in 1934 from the Warrior Run High School, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. Full of enthusiasm himself for football, he at once saw possibilities for a Junior High School team in Beverly. Accordingly the next year a group of boys organized under Mr. Foley's supervision and Briscoe had a football team!

Upholding always the school motto "Play the Game Fair" Coach Foley stood ready at all times to encourage, advise, and inspire the members of his team.

A splendid example of good sportsmanship has been demonstrated these last two years by the members of the squad. And the man behind the front? Coach William J. "Bus" Foley—who deserves all credit for the success of Briscoe Junior High School teams these past two seasons.

EDWARD HOY, *Sports Editor*.

ELLSWORTH RICHARDSON

A NEW coach at Beverly High School meant a new director of athletics at Briscoe. Naturally when school opened in September we were extremely anxious to meet this person.

Mr. Ellsworth Richardson graduated from Littleton High School in Salem, New Hampshire in 1923. Strange to say, Beverly's losing streak against Salem began that year and has never ceased. In 1927 he completed his course at Amherst College with a B.A. degree. As the holder of the Edward Hitchcock Fellowship he remained at Amherst as instructor of physical education from 1929 to 1936. During this time he coached baseball, football, and basketball for the freshmen and was finally promoted to assistant varsity coach.

This year under his guidance, the Beverly High School team has improved its record. Out of nine games played only three have been lost. One of these was to Haverhill who will probably be the State Champions this year.

In an interview with Coach Richardson, he stated that he enjoys his work tremendously, and appreciates the sincere cooperation the team has given to him.

We join the High School students and the Beverly fans in extending our best wishes to Coach Richardson.

FRANCES MCENANY, *Sports Editor*.



HUMOR

Black Magic

Miss Porter: (after explaining a difficult problem on the blackboard.) "Now watch the blackboard and I'll go through it again."

Nuts and Nuts

Walter Hagen completed penmanship Lesson 14 which contained the word walnut. He then began Lesson 15 as follows: Walnut Hagen.

Debater (addressing club members)

The excuses given for not doing homework are absolutely terrible. After all, you must remember that the teachers at Briscoe aren't as dumb as they look.

Reason Enough

Teacher: "Why didn't you make your story, *Stealing Grapes*, longer?"

BPF pupil: The owner appeared too soon.

The Missing E

Teacher: John, I spell my name with two e's.

Pupil: Well I couldn't find the other e on the typewriter.

Find YOUR Answer

One of the warriors, eager to lead Uncas to the *steak* tore off his hunting shirt.

The outstanding characters of the book met their *faith* as follows:

Uncas *mustard* his remaining strength and killed Cora's murderer.

The girls were *perused* by the Indians.

The date of their *mirage* was inscribed beneath the falcon.

The angel told King Robert that he was no longer king but the king's *gesture*.

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He Knows His Onions

N. VanDine (eating cranberry sauce at banquet): "What kind of beets are these?"

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Miss Barker: "Jack haven't you any sense?"

Jack: "No, but I have a half dollar."

The King's English

Teacher: "Write an Italian Christmas Story."

Pupil: "Shall I write it in Italian?"

Number 9,999

Teacher: "Does anyone know what's the matter with Edwin Laurie?"

C. Fellows: "He sprained his ankle and can't walk."

G. Coleman: "Why doesn't he ride his bike?"

Little Men About Briscoe

MONTONI, our star quarter-back who ran forty yards said before the game, "Gee, I'm nervous."—Mr. Rhuland is very much afraid that Roland Frost will turn into a test-tube.—Ray Overberg may be able to keep the field clear but he can't clear the corridors.—If you have lost any pins, stickers or buttons the same may be found on Merryll Frost's coat lapel.—Have you noticed how the interest of the football fans in the game lags when the eye catches a glimpse of our attractive band leader?—Pauline McKenzie not only twirls the baton around her fingers but does the same with the boys.—Carmello Filtranti showed up for football practice one day and Mr. Foley fainted.—John Harrington is slippery when on the football field but he's still more slippery in the hands of Miss Whorff.—Driscoll sits in the corner back seat in study hall and studies something in the room which is not called mathematics.—Mr. Cronin can always find fault with Briscoe no matter how good we are.—The feminine sex at Briscoe can't get along without Ray Overberg.—If you don't believe that all good things come in small packages see Jimmy Vitale.—What is Herbert Joslin saying to the keys on the typewriter?—Did you hear the little girl with pig-tails walk up to the big, burly, brusque traffic cop (George Coleman) and say, "Georgie, are you mad on me?" We even heard the answer, a business-like, unsociable "No talking!"

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